

House Bill 1224 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Channell of the 116th, Cooper of the 41st, Brown of the 69th, Sheldon of the 105th, and Manning of the 32nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 31-8-192 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the definitions relative to the "'Health Share' Volunteers in Medicine Act"; so as to revise the definitions of "low-income" and "volunteer"; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 31-8-192 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the definitions relative to the "'Health Share' Volunteers in Medicine Act", is amended by striking paragraphs (5) and (8) and inserting in their respective places the following:

"(5) 'Low-income' means:

(A) A person who is Medicaid eligible under the laws of this state;

(B) A person:

(i) Who is without health insurance; or

(ii) Who has health insurance that does not cover the injury, illness, or condition for which treatment is sought; and

whose family income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level as defined annually by the federal Office of Management and Budget;

(C) A person:

(i) Who is without dental insurance; or

(ii) Who has dental insurance that does not cover the injury, illness, or condition for which treatment is sought; and

whose family income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level as defined annually by the federal Office of Management and Budget; or

(D) Any client or beneficiary of the department or the Department of Human Resources who voluntarily chooses to participate in a program offered or approved by

1 the department or the Department of Human Resources and meets the program
2 eligibility guidelines of the department or the Department of Human Resources whose
3 family income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level as defined
4 annually by the federal Office of Management and Budget."

5 "(8) 'Volunteer' means any person who, of his or her own free will, ~~provides goods or~~
6 ~~services~~ and in support of or in assistance to the program of health care services provided
7 pursuant to this article to any governmental contractor, provides goods or clerical
8 services, computer services, or administrative support services, with ~~no~~ or without
9 monetary or material compensation. This term shall not include a health care provider."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2006.

12 **SECTION 3.**

13 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.